(c) Employment is the thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth combined with faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors, and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically crop-wise diversified agricultural development, wasteland development and forestry, development of rural non-farm sector and rural infrastructure, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing and, expansion of housing, are the basic elements of the employment-oriented growth strategy envisaged in the plan. The additional employment opportunities likely to be generated are excected to benefit the educated as well.

Merging of ESI with provident fund scheme

4775. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts have been made to abolish the so called 'Inspector Raj' to free the small industries sectors from the harassment and corruption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ESI scheme also is looked into since it is not serving the purpose for which it was meant; and

(d) whether Government would consider merging this scheme with that of Provident Fund?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) The various labour laws provide for appointment of inspectors to ensure compliance by managements of the provisions of the respective laws. There is no proposal to do away with the inspectors.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The ESI Scheme provides for medical care in kind and payment of cash benefits in the contingencies of sickness, maternity, disablement and death due to employment injury. The working of the ESI Scheme is generally satisfactory. However sporadic complaints are recieved about inadequate/unsatisfactory medical care under the ESI Scheme.

The ESI scheme is being administered by the ESI Corporation which is a corporate body comprising representatives of meployers employees, Government and Parliament. The Corporation meets atleast twice in a year o ensure smooth functioning of the Scheme

The administration of medical care under ESI Scheme is the statutory responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory administration. However, it is also reviewed by a General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Corporation and by the Regional Boards and Local Committees.

(d) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for merger of the ESI Scheme with the EPF Scheme.

New offices for Regional Provident Fund Commissioner

4776. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to open new offices of Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in Delhi;

(b) what are the areas selected to open these offices;

(c) what has been the criteria for selecting these offices;

(d) whether it is a fact that RPFC's Office has advertised for space for new offices;

(e) what are the details of the offers received so far from the property owners; and

(f) by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH CHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir. However, it has been decided to open two Sub-Accounts offices under the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi.

(b) Trans Jamuna and Janakpuri.

(c) The number of Sub-Accounts offices to be opened and their location are determined on the basis of the needs of the subscribers.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) According to available information, 12 offers have been received from the property owners in respect of Trans-Yamuna area and 44 in respect of Janakpuri area. The offers are under scrutiny an a final decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Recognition of professional workers Trade Union Centre of India

4777. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Central Trade Union styled as 'Professional Workers Trade Union Centre of India (PWTUC)' has been formed by managerial and supervisory employees' unions in Banking, Insurance, Fertiliser, Telecom, Engineering and several other industries;

(b) whether any representation has been made by PWTUC to Government for recognition and inclusion of the Union in Indian Labour Conference and in other Consultative Forums; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or purpose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) Only Central Trade Union Organisations are considered for the purpose of representation of workers in the Indian Labour Conference and other Consultative Forums. As the 'Professional Workers Trade Union Centre of India' has been formed by the unions of the managerial and supervisory employees who are not 'workmen' the question of their representation in the Indian Labour Conference and other Consultative Forums of the Ministry of Labour does not arise.

खान दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए श्रमिकों के परिवारों को मुआवजा

4778. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान खान दुर्घटनाओं में कितने श्रमिक मारे गए ;

(ख) मृतकों के परिवारों को मुआवजे के रूप में कितनी धनराशि का भुगतान किया गया ; और

(ग) भविष्य में ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

श्रम संसदीय कार्य में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर): (क) से (ग) खान सुरक्षा महानिदेशालय के पास उपलब्ध अंनतिम आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 1991-92 के दौरान खान दुर्घटनाओं में 282 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई थी । मारे गए व्यक्ति के निकट संबंधी को प्रबंधन द्वारा मुआवजे के भुगतान को संबंधित राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों द्वारा शासित किए जाने वाले कर्मकार प्रतिकर अधिनियम, 1923 के अन्तर्गत विनियमित